She-Bot Costume

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SUMMARY

This Halloween I stumbled across so many cute kids' costumes made from things around the home that I wanted to be able to do the same thing and let my inner-child go wild. The result was a cute robot costume with some functional parts!

Step 1 — She-Bot Costume

- Gather your materials: I rummaged through my junk drawer to find anything I could attach to the body. I used:
- Two foil bottoms from burned-out tea candles
- Old buttons from ripped jeans, sweaters, jackets, etc.
- The backs of some old pins I had (from various events such as marathons, fundraisers, etc.)
- Misc. nuts and bolts that were rolling around in my desk.
- Colored foam squares and felt scraps from some older craft projects.
- I walked over to the Dollar Store to pick up a few things I knew I wanted but didn't have: 2 large rolls of aluminum foil, a cheap tire gauge, an LED reading light ($4 total!).

Step 2 — Making the head!

- I had just moved into a new place so I had some boxes still lying around. This box was perfectly square and fit comfortably over my head. Before anything, I figured out where my eyes would be and cut out a rectangular area with a box cutter. I cut semi-circles in the middle of each of the flaps which would go around my neck. This way the box would stay in place and I could still easily take it off.

- I wrapped the box with foil paper, using regular white school glue to keep it in place.

- Using the word-processing program on my computer, I made basic shapes for eyes and the mouth (I thought I'd give her big beautiful red lips). Printed, cut and glued.

- I used two soda cans out of my recycle bin wrapped in foil paper as my ear/antenna. I used hot-glue to fasten them.

- The LED book light was also affixed with hot glue at the top of the head and, using some felt scraps, I fashioned a bow and hot glued that on to the middle of the light.

Step 3 — The body!

- I used a larger box for the body - this was a moving box from U-haul, size medium. I did the same semi-circle cut on all flaps on one end of the box, then very precisely measured the location of the armholes by poking a pencil through the general location of my shoulder with my opposite hand. Using a box-cutter, I cut out arm-holes using similar guessurements.

- I wrapped the box in foil like the head, using school glue.

- I used colored foam rectangles as the "screens" for where I wanted to place my "gauges" and cut others out into big colorful buttons that went along the bottom. Hot glue away!

- Not visible in the pic: I found a roll of left-over party streamer and glued pieces on to the bottom of the box to form a cute pink hula-type skirt.

- Also not visible: I used one of the foil rolls and cut-out sections of arm hole cardboard to fashion a wind-up mechanism which I wrapped in foil paper and hot glued to the back of the box.

- Lastly: Turn on your LED antenna and challenge everyone to do the Robot. Winner every time.

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